



From: Battalion Commander

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Marines, Sailors, Families, and Friends,

Our Marines and Sailors continue to do an amazing job. We currently have over 300 Marines and Sailors in specialty schools from cold weather training in northern California, to the infantry schools on the east coast. They are coming back to our battalion better trained, more capable, and confident. These niche capabilities will make us stronger as we prepare for our future deployment. We had the privilege of promoting over 30 Marines to higher ranks and awarding over 15 awards. I couldn't be prouder of serving next to these great Americans!

Since the holiday season, the battalion has executed and returned from a hard-earned holiday leave period. Marines and Sailors from 2/4 travelled across the country to visit with family and friends and have returned motivated and ready to continue training and are looking forward to our deployment. Immediately upon returning from leave, the battalion began training with the Expeditionary Operations Training Group (EOTG) here in Camp Pendleton, as well as Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific (EWTGPAC) in Coronado, California. This training is focused on conducting offensive operations from the land, sea, and air. The Marines are doing a great job planning, communicating, and coordinating actions across the Marine Corps and Navy team.

Additionally, our Marines successfully completed our Marine Corps driven inspections. We had nearly 20 Marines or Sailors recommended for awards from their outstanding work and dedication. We have been deemed a great unit that is ready to deploy when our nation calls.

Thank you for your continued support for your Marines and Sailors. If you would like to see pictures of our training or updates on our battalion, please "like" us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/2dBattalion4thMarines>.

Semper Fidelis,

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